

Amendments to Senate Bill No. 374
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For the Senate Education and Cultural Resources Committee

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1. Page 2, line 20.

Strike: "for-profit" through "organization,"

2. Page 2, line 21.

Strike: ", school" through "entity"

3. Page 2, line 22.

Strike: "educational" through "or"

4. Page 5, line 12.

Following: "."

Insert: "The total number of public charter schools for which the commission may act as authorizer is five for fiscal year 2014, and this number must increase by five for each subsequent fiscal year."

5. Page 5, line 13.

Strike: "register"

Insert: "apply"

6. Page 5, line 15.

Strike: "[section 6]"

Insert: "an authorizer"

7. Page 5, line 19.

Following: line 19

Insert: "(d) A local school board approved as an authorizer is not limited in the number of public charter schools it may authorize."

8. Page 5, line 20 through line 22.

Strike: subsection (3) in its entirety

Renumber: subsequent subsections

9. Page 6, line 12.

Strike: the first "and"

Following: "nonrenewal"

Insert: ", and school closure"

10. Page 7, line 11.

Following: line 11

Insert: "(v) addressing the drop-out rate;"

Renumber: subsequent subsections

11. Page 13, line 13.

Strike: "substantial educational services,"

Strike: "or both,"

12. Page 14, line 3.

Following: line 3

Insert: "(11) If a public charter school proposal does not contain the elements required in this section, the authorizer may deem the proposal nonresponsive and reject the proposal without the process described in subsection (12)."

Renumber: subsequent subsections

13. Page 14, line 15 through line 16.

Strike: "Within" on line 15 through "proposal." on line 16

Insert: "The authorizer shall approve or deny the charter proposal within 60 days after the filing of a charter proposal, except the commission has up to 120 days if more than three proposals have been submitted to the commission within 30 days. The commission shall notify the applicant of the expected timeline for approval or denial.
(b) "

Renumber: subsequent subsections

14. Page 17, line 17.

Following: "attendance"

Insert: "retention/dropout, promotion, and graduation rates"

15. Page 17, line 19.

Following: line 19

Insert: "(g) attainment of accreditation from a regionally or nationally recognized accreditation agency;"

Renumber: subsequent subsections

16. Page 17, line 21.

Strike: "performance"

Insert: "elections, performance,"

17. Page 20, line 26.

Following: "reason, the"

Insert: "nonrestricted distributable"

18. Page 20, line 28.

Following: "school,"

Insert: "then to public school districts to which students previously attending the closed charter school are returning on a prorated per-pupil basis,"

19. Page 21, line 21.

Following: line 21

Insert: "(e) The founding governing board of a public charter school may not be in place for longer than 3 years of operation, at which time the governing board must be elected by a process outlined in the charter school bylaws. The election process must include the following:

(i) parents and guardians of students enrolled in the school shall nominate candidates for the governing board;

(ii) if the number of nominees is equal to the number of vacancies, no election is required;

(iii) if the number of nominees is greater than the number of vacancies, the election must be decided by the qualified electors of the district as part of the next regular school election; and

(iv) the terms of board members must be staggered to ensure continuity on the governing board."

20. Page 21, line 22.

Following: "created"

Insert: "with fewer than 12 students or"

21. Page 21, line 29.

Following: line 29

Insert: "(3) A public charter school shall function as a local educational agency. A public charter school is responsible for meeting the requirements of a local educational agency under applicable federal, state, and local laws, including those relating to special education."

Renumber: subsequent subsections

22. Page 22, line 25.

Following: line 25

Insert: "(b) A public charter school shall establish and publish a grievance policy that includes contact information for the school's authorizer and the commission."

Renumber: subsequent subsections

23. Page 23, line 2.

Following: line 2

Insert: "(f) A public charter school shall establish purchasing procedures that include a competitive bidding process for purchases or contracts exceeding \$50,000.

(g) Members of the public charter school governing board and school administrators shall disclose private financial interests, if any exist, prior to taking official action."

24. Page 23, line 4.

Strike: "the qualification of"

Insert: "federally defined highly qualified"

25. Page 23, line 14.

Following: line 13

Insert: "(e) A public charter school shall maintain a record of the qualifications of each teacher employed by the school."

26. Page 23, line 15 through line 17.

Strike: subsection (1) in its entirety

Renumber: subsequent subsections

27. Page 23, line 30.

Following: "equal to"

Insert: "65% of"

28. Page 24, line 7.

Strike: subsection (e) in its entirety

Renumber: subsequent subsections

29. Page 24, line 10.

Strike: subsection (h) in its entirety

Renumber: subsequent subsections

30. Page 24, line 12.

Strike: subsection (j) in its entirety

Renumber: subsequent subsections

31. Page 24, line 17.

Strike: subsection (o) in its entirety

Renumber: subsequent subsections

32. Page 24, line 18.

Following: "acquisition;"

Insert: "and"

33. Page 24, line 19 through line 22.

Strike: ";" on line 19 through "agreement" on line 22

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